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Without the permit, addresses are not assigned by one entity by using one method. This can result in owners assigning their own addresses. A few years ago Lancaster County experienced a problem in locating a county resident who cut her leg in an accident in her acreage residence. Her son called 911 and responders were in the area within minutes but couldn't locate the driveway because the address was inaccurate. EMT personnel drove around the section line searching. They finally located the residence but the woman lost a lot of blood and subsequently died at the hospital. Lancaster County has an emergency response strategy that uses the building permit for assigning addresses. This strategy won't work if permits are not issued to new homes located on farmsteads and acreages. To address both the tax issue and the emergency response issue, as well as the building code safety issue, the bill would change the statutes to provide that "a building used as a residence shall be considered a nonfarm building even if such building is located on a farmstead." I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. The committee did hear the bill and we did reluctantly move it forward. But there...the concern that the committee amendment addressed was the concern about...that rural counties had and, since it was Lancaster County that really was most interested in getting this done, the committee decided to amend the bill to say that it would apply only to Lancaster, Sarpy and Douglas Counties. And it was felt that, by our county, that we really needed this. Maybe some other counties don't feel that they do. We can always come back and amend it at another time, or if you feel differently here on the floor we can certainly change that decision. But the Government Committee did advance the bill on a 7 to 0 vote, Senator Raikes. That, Mr. Chairman, I would cede my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator. Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Bromm.